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CITIZEN PETITION

Land buy to get a hearing

Council president doubts HAP will sell Mill Street property

> By Gregory A. Scibelli gscibelli@turley.com

Though he thinks it may be futile, City Council President James Cichetti will hold a public hearing to discuss acquiring the Mill Street property where HAP Housing wants to build an affordable housing complex.

Last week, Town Clerk Vincent Gioscia certified a citizen petition asking for the hearing, which the council now plans to hold in September or early October. The petition asks the town to spend Community Preservation Act funds to purchase the 12.5-acre property at 586 Mill St. from HAP.

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TRAVELING MEMORIAL

Vietnam vets welcome 'wall that heals'

By Gregory A. Scibelli gscibelli@turley.com

eterans in Agawam are preparing for a visit by a ll that brings people together.

This weekend, the Eastern States Exposition will sponsor and host a traveling Vietnam veterans memorial similar to the iconic wall in Washington, D.C. For local veterans of the conflict, such as Agawam native Gary Janulewicz, it's a chance to pay respects to those who died in uniform and often part of a personal healing process that continues, decades later.

'Vietnam was tough for many of the soldiers who served and made it back," he said. "Many people were wounded and a lot of people lost their lives there."

He said many, like himself, suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder from their wartime ex-

perience. "Hill No. 159 was overrun when

I was there," he said. "I remember it when I see the clock hit 1:59 and when I am on Main Street, which is Route 159."

He said the wall that is coming West Springfield can bring hi and others some solace because it is a chance for the veterans to see their friends and fellow soldiers honored the way they were supposed to be.

John Hurley, another veteran of the war, said because many Americans regarded the Vietnam War as a mistaken conflict for the United States — and as a military loss — the soldiers were not treated the same way that veterans of previous conflicts had been.

"A lot of people who served did not get the welcome home that they deserved," said Hurley. "And they deserved better than that. The soldiers went there to serve the country, because that is what they were ordered to do."

Janulewicz said he will be look-

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John Hurley prepares to interview fellow Vietnam veterans as a traveling monument to the wall visits the region this week. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

SCHOOL STREET PARK

Barn preservation to be re-prioritized, re-bid

By Michael J. Ballway mballwav@turlev.com

Plans for preservation work on the School Street Barn haven't been redrawn, but the town is redefining its priorities after bids exceeded the budget earlier this

Under the new specifications, work that was considered part of the base bid will instead be listed as "alternate" options and may be omitted if there is not enough money to complete the project. Jennifer Bonfiglio, the town's chief procurement officer, said the town hopes that limiting the scope of the base bid will allow the town to hire a contractor within the \$447,000 allocated for the project. The alternates could then be added on if the base project comes in under budget, or if the contingency fund built in to the bid is not expended.

The base bid will include a new asphalt shingle roof, the reblacement or repair of rafters and building frame posts and beams, replacement of damaged or rotting wood batten boards on the siding, and a new wooden basement door, among other work.

Some of the items that will now be considered optional alternates — there are 12 alternate sections-include new joists and columns to strengthen the floor; a crushed stone floor in the basement; a new concrete foundation; a new interior stairway and chair lift for handicap access; and other electrical, carpentry and roofing

The proposed work on School Street Barn will not allow it to reopen to the public. Town officials still disagree with each other on what, if any, new use should be

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Early deadlines for next 2 editions

The next two editions of the Agawam Advertiser News will be mailed to all households in town. For these two issues, the newspaper will have early deadlines for news and

Press releases, submitted photos, letters to the editor and community news must be received by 8 a.m. Monday morning, Aug. 22, to be considered for inclusion in the Aug. 25 edition of the Advertiser News. The deadline for the Sept. 1 edition will be the morning of Aug. 29. News may be sent to Teri Machia at aan@turley.com. Machia can be reached at 413-786-7747.

For businesses wishing to advertise in the Aug. 25 edition, the deadline to contact sales representative John Baskin is the end of the business day Friday, Aug. 19. For the Sept. 1 edition, the deadline is Friday, Aug. 26. Baskin can be reached at jbaskin@turley.com or 413-786-7747, ext.



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Register for Sept. hazardous waste collection

The Agawam Department of Public Works will hold its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 10, at the DPW Annex, 1000 Suffield St.

This program offers residents a safe, economical way to dispose of household items that are flammable, reactive, corrosive or toxic.

Items that will be accepted include solvents, polishes, pesticides, caustic cleaners, oil-based paints, stains and varnishes, flourescent light bulbs, mercury thermometers, button batteries, antifreeze, gasoline, car wax, driveway sealer and roofing tar. adhesives, chemical fertilizer, weed killer, pool chemicals, flea control products and no-pest strips. For a complete list of acceptable materials, visit the town website at www.agawam.ma.us.

Items that should not be brought to this collection day include used motor oil and used car batteries, which may be brought to the DPW Annex any Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; empty paint cans or dried-up latex paint, which should be left next to trash containers on curbside pickup day; and propane tanks.

This event is free to Agawam residents, but appointments are required. Registrations are being taken during the month of August at 413-821-0600, ext. 0, or 413-821-

Trading Post to open next month

The Trading Post Consignment Shop at First Baptist Church of Agawam, 760 Main St., will reopen Wednesday, Sept. 7, for takein sales only.

Opening day for sales will be the following Wednesday, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday hours, which are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., will continue starting Oct. 1.

The Trading Post offers a variety of items, including clothing, shoes, bags, household items, books and more.

Perry Lane pool open through Aug. 28

The Perry Lane pool will remain open through Sunday, Aug. 28. Effective Saturday, Aug. 20, the pool will be open from noon to 5 p.m. daily. Daily admission of \$1 per person must be paid to the lifeguards on duty upon arrival.

For more information, call the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department at 413-821-0514.

Catholic Women's tag sale is Aug. 27

The Agawam Women's Club will hold a tag and craft sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, in the St. John the Evangelist Church Parish Center at 833 Main St., Agawam. The event will be held rain or shine. Snacks and lunch items will be available for purchase.

Club members are reminded to bring "White Elephant" donations to the parish center before Thursday,

Chamber networking night next month

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The West of the River Chamber and the Greater Chicopee Chamber will host a Multi-Chamber Night of Networking from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at Cal's Wood Fired Grill & Bar, 1068 Riverdale St., West Springfield.

The networking event will include appetizers, a cash bar and raffles. Tickets are \$10 per person. To register, call 413-426-3880 or email info@westoftheriverchamber.com.

Volunteers invited to get hands dirty, feet wet for cleaner rivers

Twenty years after the Connecticut River Watershed Council organized the first Source-to-Sea Cleanup, the annual event returns next month.

"The Source to Sea Cleanup strengthens community and gives people an opportunity to improve their neighborhoods," says CRWC Executive Director Andrew Fisk. "When people help clean their rivers, they make connections with each other and with their rivers."

The two-day event, New England's largest river cleanup, will be held Friday and Saturday, Sept. 23-24, in all four states of the 410-plus mile Connecticut River basin

(New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut). Each fall, thousands of volunteers of all ages and abilities clean the Connecticut River and its tributaries, such as the Westfield River, on foot or by boat. Volunteers remove trash along rivers, streams, parks, boat launches, trails and more.

There are three ways for volunteers to get involved in the cleanup this year: report a trash site in need of cleaning, find a cleanup group to join, or organize and register a local cleanup group.

For more information or to register for the event, visit www.ctriver.org/cleanup.

'Baaria' to open Italian movie series Sept. 9

SPRINGFIELD — The Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass. Inc. will open its fall season of Friday Night at the Italian Cinema with the 2009 movie "Baaria" by Cinema Paradiso's Giuseppe Tornatore on Friday, Sept. 9.

The film recounts life in the Sicilian town of Bagheria (known as Baaria in Sicilian) from the 1930s to the 1980s through the eyes of three generations of a family. The screening will be presented by Dr. Rocco Mesiti. Since 1992, Mesiti has been the host of "Dolce Vita," the Italian radio broadcast program. Mesiti is also a writer, director and producer of film.

The doors will open at 6 p.m. and the movie will start at 6:30 p.m. Members are free but there is a requested donation of \$5 for non-members. Those in attendance will have a choice of beverage and a snack.

For more information, visit the website at www.iccwm.org. The ICC is at 56 Margaret St., Springfield.

Sherlock Holmes radio play starts Applause season

The Agawam Cultural Council will kick off the 13th season of its popular Applause Series when the East Haddam Stage Company presents its live-action radio drama re-creation of William Gillette's "Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Speckled Band" at the Agawam Senior Center at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9.

The production features four actors portraying seven characters, and utilizes William Gillette's actual 1930 radio script. The show begins with an introduction to old-time radio by producer-director Kandie Carle, features a full sound effects tale, and will end with time for questions from the audience.

Gillette, a native of Hartford, was best known for portraying Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Victorian detective nearly 1,300 times on stage during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. According to the Arthur Conan Doyle Encyclopedia, Gillette performed the first radio serial radio of "Sherlock Holmes: The Adventure of the Speckled Band" on Oct. 20, 1930. Based on the original theater version by Conan Doyle, it was the first time Holmes was portrayed on radio as part of a continuing series.

The Senior Center is at 954 Main St., Agawam, and can be reached by phone at 413-821-0604. This and all Applause Series events are free and open to the public. Additional information is available at the Agawam Cultural Council website, www. agawamcc.org.

The Agawam Cultural Council is an allvolunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency that provides some of its funding. The Agawam Cultural Council is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.



Priests, altar servers and members of the Knights of Columbus adore the eucharist in an outdoor ceremony at last year's Faith on Fire at Sacred Heart Church. FILE PHOTO

'Faith on Fire' returns this week

Faith on Fire Catholic Rally will take place Thursday and Friday, Aug. 18 and 19, from 6 to 9 p.m. on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church, 1065 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This two-evening celebration will include praise and worship music, speakers, a Eucharistic procession, the sacrament of Reconciliation, and prayers for healing with the laying on of hands.

The Most Rev. Mitchell T. Rozanski, bishop of Springfield; the Rev. Anthony Gramlich, MIC, head of the Diocese of Springfield Catholic Charismatic Renewal; the Rev. Warren Savage, also with the Diocese of Springfield; and other speakers and lay witnesses will be at the two-day event.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase and will include hot dogs, hamburgers, chips soda, fried dough, and more. Attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs and blankets for comfortable seating. There is no charge for this event; a free will offering will be taken up each night.

Different topics and speakers will be featured each night. This event is sponsored by the Diocese of Springfield Catholic Charismatic Renewal and the Hampden West Deanery, which includes both Agawam Catholic churches, Sacred Heart and St. John the Evangelist. In case of rain, the rally will be held inside Sacred Heart Church.

PAC hosts 'Country Feast' next month

The Polish American Club of Agawam will host its first "Country Feast" featuring Truck Stop Troubadours starting at 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10. The event will include dancing, a 50-50 raffle and a buffet of barbecue chicken, kielbasa, sweet corn, summer squash, roasted potatoes, baked beans, salads and more. There will also be a cash bar.

Deserves

Tickets are \$20 per person and are available for purchase at the clubhouse bar during business hours or by visiting the Polish Club Facebook page. There will be a limited amount of tickets for sale at the door. This event is open to

The Polish American Club is at 139 Southwick St., Feeding Hills.





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Opinion

Traveling wall worth a visit

o see the wall. A traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial will be at the Eastern States Exposition grounds in West Springfield this week, with free admission, open 24 hours a day until 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21. For those who have never seen the permanent memorial — on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. — it's worth the short trip across the bridge to Memorial Avenue.

It is a simple monument to a complicated war. It is something that all Americans should see, because it is unlike any other war memorial. Because Vietnam was unlike any other war.

The veterans of the Vietnam War, of course, weren't much different from their fathers and grandfathers and great-grandfathers who fought in the World Wars.

They, too, left behind wives and girlfriends, parents and siblings to risk their lives for what our leaders assured us were vital national security interests abroad. Many of them, too, were drafted into the service, or volunteered because they knew they would be drafted, and were torn from peaceful civilian occupations and forced to become part of a machine for killing. All of them, like their predecessors, saw their friends killed, saw their comrades killed, saw their brothers killed.

They were traumatized by their wars, like all good people are traumatized by war. But the united home front that soothed the trauma in 1918 and 1945 was itself too traumatized, in 1975, to ease our soldiers back into civilian life. Almost everyone agreed with our defense of democracy in the two World Wars, and the entire nation had mobilized to support the war effort. Vietnam was fought by a deeply divided nation, however. Far from exemplars of American values, its soldiers became symbols of a conflict that half the nation had opposed and the other half was now eager to forget. Far from conquering heroes, they became symbols of defeat.

As American society failed to support its returning veterans, the nation also began to grapple with how to memorialize the dead. Memorials to previous wars had established a traditional form: granite, bronze and marble; flags, stars and eagles; high-flown words like "liberation" and "freedom" and "democracy." They celebrated military sacrifice as proof that Americans will lay down their lives for a just cause.

But many Americans didn't believe that Vietnam was a just cause. A traditional monument wouldn't be appropriate. When the Vietnam Veterans Memorial opened in Washington, D.C., in 1982, it proved almost as controversial as the war itself.

It's nothing more than two long slabs of black stone with the names — just the names — of every member of the U.S. Armed Forces killed or missing in Vietnam. No architectural flourishes. No patriotic symbols. Just the names of the dead, speaking for themselves and of only themselves.

Americans still don't agree on whether we should have gone to Vietnam, and on the tactics we employed. The Wall doesn't ask you to support the war this one, or any other one. It only asks you to recognize the sacrifice. It's not the traditional American way of memorializing war. And that's why it's worth a look.

What do you think? Send your letter to the editor to aan@turley.com.

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YESTERDAY'S HOMETOWN NEWS

Riverside Park – before the Flags

n his book "Riverside Park," David Cecchi dates the use of the name back to 1912. Most of us remember Edward

J. Carroll, who purchased the park for \$31,000 in 1939. Carroll made many improvements in 1940 and added a roller coaster from the World's Fair in 1941. In 1948, he introduced auto racing to the area on his one-fifth mile racetrack. The ever-popular racing lasted until 1999.

One of the earliest influences on our lives at AHS occurred around 1923. That's when Jasper DeForge and Superintendent of Schools Benjamin Phelps went

to Riverside's Lake Takadip to recruit lifeguard Harmon Smith to come to AHS. The Riverside pool had a 300-foot diameter and was about 11 feet deep in the middle, even though much of the pool had shallow water. The diving platform from the middle of the pool was still in the parking lot decades later.

My first memories of Riverside were in the late '50s when Jean Hebert, a '53 who dated my sister Janet, would take me and Cliff Sheard to ride the roller coaster and the dodgems. Sometimes we played Skeeball, trying to win great prizes worth at least 50 cents.

Stock car racing was really popular. For a while Jean had his own racecar, which he worked on at his dad's house at 1152 Main St. Everyone had a favorite driver. Mine was Chauncey "Jocko" Maggiacomo. My friend Elliott Moren rooted for Buddy Krebs. Wild Bill Greco had plenty rooting for him. Bill Greco talked to me a few years ago at Foxwoods. Al Fini says Bill still comes up here to Massachusetts for race-

> favorite pages of David Cecchi's book. Pictures of the rides vou used to go on certainly are up there, but my favorites are probably the pictures with people I remember. Ronald and David Hamel are shown in a 1962 picture and David Cecchi's mom, Emily Dynia, is pictured on a pony cart in 1951.

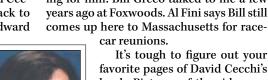
David's chapter 8 is about the Riverside Roller Rink. Most

everyone went there to watch the skaters go round and round as the organ played. The Maiolo family ran the rink from 1949 to the mid '70s, eventually building their own facility in 1978. You probably know someone who met their spouse there roll-

Six Flags has certainly changed Riverside. We could debate whether or not it is for the better. Surely, it is bigger. Surely, there is more traffic.

Note: The members of the class of '66 will be celebrating their 50th reunion on Nov. 5. Call Ray Pond at 413-786-8746 or Randy McLean at 413-786-0348 for more

Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 413-786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits vou can offer.







This 1951 picture in "Riverside" by David Cecchi is of his mother, Emily (Dynia) Cecchi.









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Things not seen

11:1 — "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Faith and hope make

life worth living. The spiritual things — the things not seen are really important. This scripture goes on to describe our ancestors in the faith, from Abel and Enoch and Noah to Abraham and Sarah. It says that by faith, Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, built an ark to save his family. Sometimes God asks us to continue believing, even when we don't see all the details. Abraham was considered the father of the faith-

ful. He left home for a land that he didn't see, yet he believed. In fact, Hebrews 11:13 says: "All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised. ..." The promises were "things not seen" in this life.

God can use this kind of faith in people of any age to bring about God's intended purposes. That is because God is with us, in us, behind us, before us, and around us. We need to trust God in order to have assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen. That is faith. On my first trip to Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park with my wife, we were completely fogged in all week. We couldn't see a thing! I was so frustrated because I wanted to share the beauty of that place with my wife — for her to see what I had seen. But she didn't see anything. I knew the awesome scenery was there — I had seen

The Bible defines faith in Hebrews it from a distance before. But for her, this was truly "things not seen." And yet she believed — because she trusted me! We need to have just that kind of trust in God. That

is what faith is all about.

Like our ancestors in the faith, all the people of God who came before us - even those we have personally known and loved — we all have been called to cling to our faith. We cling to the hope of a future that may seem too good to be true. We may not see any of what is promised yet. Can we believe in 'things not seen"? Of course we can! Like believers in the past, we too must be steadfast in our

faith, even when we see no signs of its fulfillment. We have the example of the great cloud of witnesses that came before us. They were human beings just like us. We all love our families and friends and want the best for them - even though we are not in control. God is. God will fulfill his purposes. We all have the same hopes and dreams and aspirations. We all have the same doubts and fears and insecurities. But we must keep on keeping on, like those who came before us, because we know we can trust in a God who is everywhere and who is always for us, never against us. We have the assurance of things hoped for. We can believe in things not seen. Amen.

Ken Blanchard is the pastor at Agawam United Methodist Church on Mill Street in Feeding Hills and Christ Church United Methodist in Southwick.



Rev. Ken Blanchard

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Neighbors of the property and other Agawam residents have been fighting the prospect of low-income housing on the property since it was announced last month that HAP had bought it. Two weeks ago, protestors filed a formal petition at a City Council meeting, with more than 500 signatures collected online. Comments from several of those signers were also in-

Many of the signatures came from outside Agawam, but late last week, Gioscia said in a memorandum to the council that he had been able to certify enough signatures of town residents to declare the petition valid. Under the terms of the Town Charter, the council is required to hold a public hearing to address a petition signed by 50 registered voters.

However, Cichetti said he is unsure what action, if anything, the council can

"Normally, in order to have a resolution that proposes purchasing a property, there would need to be a purchase and sales agreement in place," said Cichetti, who also works in the real estate. "HAP right now is not even interested in selling the property. They have already purchased the property and spent a lot of money researching the property before buying it."

The land, a former farm, had been identified by town officials as blighted and had been on the housing market for several years.

During a meeting with HAP in late July, three councilors asked HAP representatives if they would consider selling the property. At the time, the representatives said they were moving forward with their plans for the 586 Mill St. property.

One of those councilors, Robert Rossi,

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said he would have liked to see the town use CPA funds for half the purchase of the property and bond the rest. Half would have been preserved as open space while the other half could have been used for a future early childhood center.

"And the town could have helped HAP find another property in town to create housing," said Rossi.

Now, Rossi said, it is important for the town to do its best to work with HAP and monitor the progress of a project that could be permitted under Chapter 40B, a state law that allows a developer of affordable housing to ignore local zoning regula-

"The town should now do what it can in order to see what it can do in order to make sure there is a minimal impact on the community and the neighbors," said Rossi. "We have time; this thing is not going to be built tomorrow."

Cichetti estimates the public hearing will appear on the council agenda as new business in September, so the hearing itself could be called for the Sept. 19 or Oct. 3 council meeting.

Gioscia said he was able to use the town's database of registered voters to certify more than 50 signatures to validate the public hearing. Though none of the petitioners physically signed a document support was collected online at Change. org — he said electronic petitions are not disallowed by the state.

Meanwhile, the CPA does have the funds to purchase the property, but no formal discussions have taken place. CPA money could only be used to preserve the property as open space or for some type of recreation.

Public Safety

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 344 calls for service from Aug. 8 to Aug. 14. The department recorded one arrest in its public log. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Monday, Aug. 8

Brian McGovern, 51, of Moore Street, Agawam, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor second offense, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, speeding in violation of special regulation, marked lanes violation, two counts of child endangerment while operating under the influence, and possession of open container of alcohol in motor vehicle.

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 76 EMS calls from Aug. 2 to Aug. 8, and the following emergency response calls.

On Aug. 2 at 7:36 a.m., the department responded to Florida Drive to assist invalid.

On Aug. 2 at 3:09 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional. On Aug. 3 at 11:31 a.m., the department responded to Shoemaker Lane

for grass fire. On Aug. 3 at 12:38 p.m., the department responded to Dogwood Lane

for public service.

On Aug. 3 at 7:31 p.m., the department responded to Mill Street to assist invalid.

On Aug. 3 at 8:51 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for citizen complaint.

On Aug. 4 at 9:40 a.m., the department responded to Leonard Street for public service assistance, other.

On Aug. 4 at 10:44 a.m., the department responded to Leonard Street for public service assistance, other. On Aug. 4 at 9:12 p.m., the department responded to Randall Street for

cooking fire, confined to container. On Aug. 5 at 11:29 a.m., the department responded to Leonard Street

for public service. On Aug. 6 at 9:07 a.m., the department responded to Leonard Street for

public service. On Aug. 6 at 9:12 a.m., the department responded to Regency Park Drive

for carbon monoxide incident. On Aug. 6 at 12:49 p.m., the department responded to Leonard Street for

public service assistance, other. On Aug. 6 at 12:20 p.m., the department sponded to Mansion Woods Drive for citizen complaint.

On Aug. 6 at 2:37 p.m., the department responded to Spencer Street for CO detector activation due to malfunction. On Aug. 7 at 2:10 a.m., the department responded to Meadow Street for

public service assistance, other. On Aug. 7 at 4:13 p.m., the department responded to Raymond Circle for

public service assistance, other. On Aug. 7 at 6:01 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for

motor vehicle accident with injuries. On Aug. 7 at 8:32 p.m., the department responded to Maple Street to

On Aug. 8 at 9:27 a.m., the department responded to Belden Court for animal problem.

Howie Carr to speak at seminar

The West of the River Chamber will host a breakfast seminar from 7 to 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, at Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. The featured speaker at the event will be awarding-winning newspaper columnist and talk radio show host Howie Carr. Carr has interviewed numerous politicians, authors and celebrities and is not afraid to ask those "no comment" questions.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for \$750 for presenting sponsor, \$500 for premier sponsor and \$250 for preferred sponsor. Tickets for the event are \$35 for chamber members and \$40 for non-members.

To register or for more information, call the office at 413-426-3880 or email info@westoftheriverchamber.

DEATH NOTICES

Acosta, Anna P. Died Aug. 13 Funeral Aug. 17 Curran-Jones funeral Home

Clifford, Katharen W. Died Aug. 9 Funeral Aug. 13 Curran-Jones Funeral Home West Springfield

Edwards, Sharon L. Died Aug. 9 Private funeral Curran-Jones Funeral Home West Springfield

Frasco, Frederick A. Died Aug. 9 Funeral Aug. 16 Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam

Hebert, Elizabeth K. Died Aug. 8 Funeral Aug. 12 Agawam Funeral Home, Inc.

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The Agawam City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at the Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the Petition of Murphy's Pub c/o Thomas Murphy for a proposed Zone Change Plan for 0 Suffield Street and 83 Mill Street, Agawam, MA. (Parcel IDs# I9-2-27 and #I9-2-29) The Zone Change request is to allow the parcel to be rezoned to Business A in its entirety. A copy of the proposed Zone Change can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam City Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. in the Agawam City Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF: James P. Cichetti City Council President 8/11,8/18/16

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT HAMPDEN, Div. **Probate & Family** Court Dept. HD16E0035PP

To Gail C. Colburn of Agawam, Massachusetts and to all other persons interest-

A petition has been presented to said Court by Norman W Colburn of Hampden, representing that they hold as tenants in common an undivided part or share of land lying in Agawam, in the County of Hampden, setting forth that he desires that all of said land may be sold at private sale or public auction for not less than One Hundred Fiftytwo Thousand One Hundred (\$152,100.00) Dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the nineteenth day of September 2016, the return day of this

Witness, ANNE M GEOF-FRION, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this eighth day of August, 2016.

Suzanne T Seguin Register of Probate & Family Court

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION -HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A DESIGN PUBLIC **HEARING** Project File No. 605384

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Bridge Replacement project in Agawam, MA.

WHERE: Agawam Senior Center

954 Main Street Agawam, MA 01001 WHEN: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at 6:00 pm

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Bridge Replacement project.

PROPOSAL: BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, The purpose of the project is to replace the existing Bridge No. A-05-002=W-21-014(0U0) between the municipalities of Agawam and West Springfield, MA. It carries ST 147 SPRINGFIELD STREET OVER THE WESTFIELD RIVER. It consists of a four span continuous steel beam superstructure. Within the Agawam periphery two intersections econstructed name ly: Route 147(Springfield St.) at Walnut St./ Walnut St. Extension and Route 147 (Springfield St./Memorial Ave.) at Route75 (Suffield St.)/ Route 159 (Main St.).

In the town of West Springfield one intersection will be reconstructed, namely: Route 147 (Memorial Avenue) at River St. The work includes minor roadway widening. traffic signal replacement and safety improvements for both vehicular and pedestrian traf-

All views and comments made at the meeting will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at this hearing.

Written views received by MassDOT subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above. Plans will be on display one-half hour before the meeting begins, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project. A project handout will be made available on the MassDOT website listed below.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Information Meeting regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Bridge Project Management, Project File No. 605384. Such submissions will also be accepted at the meeting. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public information meeting transcript must be postmarked within ten (10) business days of this Public Information Meeting. Project inquiries may be emailed to

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PATRICIA A. LEAVENWORTH, P.E. CHIEF ENGINEER

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LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Debra Desmond for a zone change request on three parcels on Main Street (K4-1-5, K4-1-6 & K4-1-13) from Residence A2 and Business A to all Business A. Copies of the proposed zone change can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF: Mark R. Paleologopoulos, Chairman

Agawam Planning Board 8/18,8/25/16

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Hampden Division **50 State Street** Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-8600 Docket No. HD16P1420EA **Estate of: Charles Ralph Calabrese**

Date of Death: July 18, 2016 INFORMAL PROBATE **PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Richard M. Gaberman of Longmeadow MA, Petitioner Christina A. Calabrese of Feeding Hills MA a Will has been admitted to informal

Richard M. Gaberman of Longmeadow MA, Christina A. Calabrese of Feeding Hills MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of

the estate to serve without

state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten (10) business days before the meeting.

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surety on the bond. The estate is being

administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

LEGAL AD **AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

8/18/16

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 6:00 PM, at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of JK Real Estate LLC for work to be performed on 221, 223, 227, 245 Springfield Street subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski. Chairman

Agawam Conservation Commission 8/18/16

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> By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman **Agawam Conservation** Commission

8/18/16

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From left, DCR Regional Director Mike Case, Assistant Pool Manager Brianna Kenney, state Sen. Donald Humason, Pool Manager Sandy Gonzalez and state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga stand in front of the Gerald J. Mason Memorial Pool in Agawam. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Rep., sen. note new features at pool

Agawam's state legislators recently toured the newly renovated Gerald J. Mason Memorial Pool on Maynard Street.

The Agawam state pool saw several upgrades before the start of the 2016 summer season. The state Department of Conservation and Recreation spent about \$2 million this year on the pool, which was first built in the 1970s.

"I am happy to have worked with the Baker-Polito administration, Secretary Matt Beaton and the DCR to ensure that Agawam has the quality resources that make our community great," said state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick. "The renovations to the Gerald J. Mason Pool allows Agawam residents to have a pool in their community that they can be proud of. I hope that all of the residents will use this free community amenity this summer and see the hard work that the DCR put in to this renovation to make sure that it didn't interrupt any of the swim season."

Upgrades include the reconstruction of

the pool and pool decks; enhanced disability access to the pool and buildings; new benches; a new shade pavilion; and a new rinse station.

In addition, over the past couple of years the DCR installed new filters, fencing, and roofs to the swimming pool facilities. The renovations were completed between the swim seasons with no loss of swimming time for the community.

The pool season began June 25. The pool is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day until Aug. 21.

"My wife and son and I started coming to the Gerald Mason Pool last summer to swim, so I can personally attest that the upgrades have made this local treasure an even greater asset for our families," said state Sen. Donald Humason, R-Westfield. "I appreciate the Baker administration investing in the recreational facilities in my district, and I hope that all residents are able to enjoy the new pool during the remaining weeks of the summer."

Knit gifts



Agawam residents Betty Edmunds, left, and Pat Hester work on their knitting at the library.



Christine Hester, Pat's daughter, works on a knit lap blanket during the Drop-In Sit and Knit group Tuesday afternoon at the Agawam Public Library. Hester enjoys making blankets to donate to the Westfield Council on Aging as gifts for seniors. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY









Youth

Summer grads



The Agawam High School summer graduation ceremony for the Class of 2016 was held Aug. 10 at 6:30 p.m. Among those in attendance were Mayor Richard Cohen and AHS Principal Steven Lemanski, far right, and Superintendent of Schools William Sapelli, far left. SUBMITTED PHOTO



Ready for curtain

Samantha Kawalec of Suffield gets fitted in her Queen Elizabeth costume by Jessica Hill of Easthampton. Shakespeare, played by Devin Gearty of West Springfield, looks on in preparation for their production of "All the World's a Stage ... No Girls Alloweth" at the Red Door Theatre. This original play written and directed by Agawam's Lyle Pearsons will run Aug. 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 20 and 21 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$9 and may be reserved by calling 413-789-2026. The theater is at 152 S. Westfield St. in Feeding Hills. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Youth ministry showing 'Miracles' film under stars

Sacred Heart Church will host the St. Tekawitha Youth Ministry Movie Night "under the stars" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20.

Based on a true story, "Miracles from Heaven" is set in Burleson, Texas, in 2011. The film centers on a 10-year-old girl named Anna Beam (played by Kylie Rogers), daughter of Christy Beam (Jennifer Garner). Anna is suffering from a pseudo-obstruction motility disorder and is unable to eat, using feeding tubes for nutrition.

During this ordeal, Anna and her mother befriend a Massachusetts resident. One day, she has a near-death experience after falling three stories into the hollow of a tree and suffering only scratches. When she is subsequently examined at Boston Children's Hospital, no evidence of the chronic illness is found.

This film screening is free. Snacks will be available for purchase and a free offering will be collected. All proceeds will be used to support the Tekawitha Youth Ministry's mission work.

The church is at 1065 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Rain date is Aug. 27.

Doering holds information nights for parents

The Roberta G. Doering School will conduct its Grade 5 Orientation for parents and guardians at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, in the school auditorium. The purpose of this event is to outline school policies and procedures prior to the first day of school.

Additionally, Back to School Night will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, beginning in the school auditorium, with a brief discussion concerning policies and procedures, and ending with meetings with teachers.

Because they attended orientation in June, it is advised that students do not attend either event due to space con-

Movie night to feature 'Minions'

The movie "Minions" will be shown at 8:15 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 2, on a giant, inflatable 40-foot screen at School Street Park in Agawam. Popcorn and refreshments will be available.

Openings available at Perry Lane Nursery School

The Perry Lane Nursery School has openings available in the two-day program for the upcoming 2016-17 school year. Children must be 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2016, to enroll in the Tuesday-Thursday session, which runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee for this session is \$130 a month to be paid by the 10th of every month.

The first day of school for the two-day program will be Thursday, Sept. 8.

For further information or enrollment, contact the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department at 413-821-0513.

Maze Days, orientation at AJHS are Aug. 29

Agawam Junior High School will host its orientation night for incoming students from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29, in the school's auditorium at 1305 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

Orientation night is open to all seventh grade students and to eighth grade students who will be attending AJHS for the first time this fall, and their parents and guardians. Prior to the orientation, "Maze Days" will take place from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. These are flexible times and parents and students are not required to attend the entire

During the Maze, those in attendance will receive and complete important paperwork, sign up for school activities and clubs and get more information regarding particular programs offered at AJHS.

In addition, the PTO will also be on hand to provide information on upcoming events and activities being offered to the students, as well as to get input and ideas to be shared with the school and student body. After completing the Maze Days paperwork, students will be provided their homeroom (first period) team assignments for the upcoming school year. The process should not take more than 45 minutes to complete.

The packet is also available in advance at www.agawampublicschool.org. It may be completed and turned in just before going to the orientation meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Maze Days for returning eighth-grade students will be held from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, in the cafeteria. Any seventh-grade or new eighth-grade family that is not able to attend on the Monday scheduled date is welcome to attend on this date.

Sign up for library card next month

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the Agawam Public Library joins with the American Library Association and public libraries nationwide to make sure that every student has the most import school supply of all — a free library card.

Children up to age 18 can show their library card in the Children's Room of the Agawam Public Library Sept. 1-30 to enter a raffle drawing. The winner of the drawing will be announced Oct. 1. The library offers many programs for children and teens including story times, book clubs, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) programs and a large array of books, movies and CDs. All material in the library is free to check out with a library card. Late fees may apply.

For more information on how to sign up for a library card, visit the library in person at 750 Cooper St., Agawam, or at www.agawamlibrary.org.

CAMPUS NOTES

Clemson University: Paul Vecchiarelli, formerly of Feeding Hills, earned his master's degree in engineering.

Curry College: Rosaria Robidoux, of Agawam, was named to the spring semester dean's list.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute: Evan Walters,

of Feeding Hills, earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering at ceremonies held in May.

UMass Lowell: Patrick Deane, Eric Kierkla and Alexis LaViolette, of Agawam, were named to the spring semester dean's list.

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Dementia-Friendly town



Mayor Richard Cohen, left, presented Melinda Monasterski, CTRS, CDP, Homestead Program director at Genesis Health Care, with a proclamation declaring Agawam a **Dementia Friendly Com**munity. Cohen urged all businesses and citizens to fully support the efforts toward increasing public awareness and education about issues affecting individuals living with dementia and their families. Marc Strange, the town's planning director, was also on hand at the presentation held Aug. 1 at Heritage Hall. SUBMITTED



The town will re-bid preservation work on School Street Barn. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL

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found for the barn, and whether it is worth the expense to fully renovate it. Board members have reached the consensus, however, that the building should not be allowed to fall into disrepair.

The park, which was also a CPA-funded project, was opened in 2008 on the former site of the Hampden County jail farm, which closed in the 1980s. The barn, which was part of the farm, dates from the 1880s and has since been listed on the National

Register of Historic Places. It is currently being used for storage.

The funds for the project come from the town's Community Preservation Act fund. The initial bids exceeded the budget by at least \$200,000. The City Council and CPA Committee agreed in June to take a further \$37,743 from the CPA fund to pay the town's engineering firm to rewrite the bid specification with several alternates, and re-advertise the bid.

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ing on the wall for the names of people like his friend and fellow Agawam native Ned Connelly.

"He was a helicopter pilot who helped pull people out when they were injured," said Janulewicz. "During one incident, he pulled out a group of wounded soldiers, but was then killed when he went to rescue a second group."

Janulewicz and Hurley both believe seeing the names on the war will help bring some veterans closure and healing as they work their own personal conflicts from serving.

Hurley also encourages all Agawam residents, not just veterans, to visit the wall with their families. "This is a very important part of our history and it is something people should come and see, especially if they have not had an opportunity to go see the real wall," said Hur-

The exposition sponsored bringing the wall to the area. Usually a municipality or nonprofit group has to raise thousands of dollars to cover the cost of hosting the wall, Janulewicz said. "This is a rarity to have a company like the Big E do this," he said. "It is a rare opportunity to see something like this without a cost to the town."

The wall will be open at the exposition grounds, on Memorial Avenue just over the bridge from Agawam, from 8 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21. Attendance is free of charge.

On Friday at 11 a.m., the Vietnamese-American community of Massachusetts will conduct observances to honor and remember both American and South Vietnamese

On Saturday, all veterans are invited to a free community breakfast at the Big E Firehouse, 7-10:30 a.m. A community "ceremony to heal, learn, remember" will follow at 11 a.m. with remarks from several Vietnam veterans, including Medal of Honor recipient Sammy Lee Davis, U.S. Army, and Navy SEAL Preston Hood. At 4 p.m., there will be a reading of the names of the servicemen and -women from Massachusetts who are on the wall and died in combat.

On Sunday, Aug. 21, a tea hosted by Girl Scouts at 11 a.m. will celebrate women veterans and hear from an Army veteran, Martha Green of Pittsfield, who served as a nurse

During the four-day event, Hurley said local veterans will be participating in interviews that will be filed with the Library of Congress. A group of Agawam High School students have contributed DVDs of veteran interviews in the past.

The traveling wall, which was unveiled on Veterans Day 1996, has visited more than 400 cities and towns throughout the nation. Inscribed on the wall are the names of the more than 58,307 men and women who gave their lives or remain missing from the Vietnam War.





Left: Gary Janulewicz, a Vietnam veteran from Agawam, reviews materials being used to train people to interview veterans for a Library of Congress project. Training was held earlier this week in advance of the Vietnam War Memorial replica wall, which was expected to arrive this week at the Eastern States Exposition grounds. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica has visited more than 400 cities and towns across the United States. SUBMITTED PHOTO





ATHLETIC FACILITY PROJECT

Lockers rooms delayed, not ready for start of fall season

By Gregory A. Scibelli gscibelli@turley.com

AGAWAM – While the outdoor work is right on schedule, a blip in football schedule will help with a major delay on the indoor work at

Agawam High School.

Jennifer Bonfiglio, the town's chief procurement officer and the person helping oversee the athletic facility project, reported last week it will be a few more weeks

before the locker rooms at the high school are completely renovated.

"The contractors found a lot of asbestos that caused significant delays in the work," said Bonfiglio, who meets weekly with project managers to get updates and address issues with the \$9.2 million project. "We are looking at well into September for completion of the locker rooms at this point."

An exact date for completion

has not been pinpointed, but Bonfiglio said preparations are being made by Athletic Director David Stratton to secure a temporary space at the high school for student athletes to be able to change for sports and store equipment.

The delays will not have a major effect on the high school's athletic contests, fortunately. Teams playing soccer and field hockey that will utilize the outdoor surfaces do not make trips to the

locker room at halftime like football and basketball teams do.

The Agawam High School football schedule has been released, and as a safety precaution, Stratton left a buffer for project contractors in the event of delays. The first home contest for football is not scheduled until Friday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. when Holyoke will be the first team to visit the new Harmon A. Smith Field for a football contest.

Prior to the Sept. 30 game, there are numerous soccer and field hockey home games on the schedule, but the artificial turf field is nearing completion, with the turf itself already set, as well as numbers and lines already sewn into the field.

The remainder of the project is on schedule and the substantial completion date is Aug. 26, which is the be-

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BASKETBALL

Agawam falls to Wilbraham in summer basketball quarterfinals

By Nate Rosenthal

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD - It is always difficult for seven seed to topple a two in tournament play. Such was the case for Agawam when they took on Suffield in the girls summer basketball league playoffs. The Brownies fell to Suffield, 36-10 and were eliminated in the quarterfinal round

Agawam, by virtue of their 3-7 record, beat out East Longmeadow for the seventh of eight spots in the tournamant. The Wildcats were at the other end of the spectrum with a 7-3 mark. The Brownies hung in there past the midpoint of the first half and were

tied at 5-5 with 8:48 left. A minute later, Suffield took the lead with a three and then ran off seven more for a 10-point lead. Four minutes into the second half, Suffield up their margin to 15. The Brownies scored in quick response to the second basket. That came with 16 minutes left. it would be Agawam's final points of the game. Meanwhile the Wildcats scored 13 more.

Three minutes passed before wither team scored. It was Suffield taking a 2-0 lead. Two more minutes produced a free throw for the Wildcats and a 3-0 lead. With 11:35 left in the half, Madison Lockwood hit the second of two free throws and then a 1:30

later, Bianca Culhane scored from the floor to tie the game at 3-3. Suffield took a 5-3 and then Culhane tied it again with 8:08 to play. It was another minute and a three pointer by the Wildcats made it 8-5. Seen points in three minutes with another three made it 15-5. Lockwood got back to the line at 4:05 and made one of two and then again at 3:10, where she made them both. Suffield responded with a three at the break, it was 18-8.

The second half began with a three, 30 seconds in and a layup three minutes after that to make it 23-8. Culhane scored with 16

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FOOTBALL

Agawam faces Palmer at kick-off

By Gregory A. Scibelli gscibelli@turley.com

AGAWAM – The Suburban Amateur Football League gets the season kicked off this Saturday morning with the annual jamboree where teams from the youth football league get an opportunity to test out what they have in a structured format.

Agawam has been a regular participant in the jamboree for the past several years. This year, the seniors, juniors, and pee wee teams will getting their practice game in against Palmer.

Agawam will have the opportunity to start off the day at East Longmeadow High School, holding the 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. slots with the seniors kicking off, followed by the juniors and then the pee wee team.

Agawam is set to start the regular season on Sunday, Sept. 4 when they host West Springfield at Kirk Parker Field. Agawam will face Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Westfield, Northampton, Springfield 5A, Longmeadow, and Wilbraham during the regular season.

Sports



An Agawam player participates in the Pioneers camp. TURLEY PUB-LICATIONS STAFF PHOTO BY DAVE FORBES

Many of the top programs from the Pioneer Valley were represented at the camp, including Ludlow, East Longmeadow, Longmeadow, Amherst, Minnechaug, Belchertown, Granby, Amherst, Palmer, Chicopee, Agawam and Ware were represented at the camp.

"We get some of the top kids from the region that come here to get ready each year," Kolodziey said. "We have developed a really good reputation over the years, and it feels good to see the program keep expanding."

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minutes to go and after that, the Brownies would be held scoreless. The final score was 36-10 and it would be a quick exit for the Brownies.

Culhane had six points and Lockwood had four.

In the other quarter finals, Chicopee Comprehensive, the top seed, dispatched, number eight East Longmeadow, 40-28. Comp was in control from the outset, jumping out to a 14-0 lead in the first seven minutes. It was still 14 with two minutes to go in the half, but then the Spartans scored the final five to get back into single digits. The Colts got back to 13 in the first minute and went on cruise control after that. The 12-point final margin was as close as the Spartans got. Commerce, the Red Raiders and Minnechaug, Whip's Sports, were the four and five seeds. Both teams went 6-4. This was a battle throughout. Midway through the first half, the Falcons took a five-point lead that was two at the break. They got it upon to six with13 minutes left, before Commerce made a run close to one at the 10-minute mark. Two minutes later, the Raiders got the lead and then with four to play they took it for good, opening up a seven-point lead in a 32-25 win. South Hadley, St. Pat's was a 34-23 winner over Chicopee. Close for more than two minutes, 2-2, the Tigers ran off 10 in a row in the next seven and never looked back after that. After a basket by Chicopee to begin the second half, the margin was back in double figures and remained there.

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A's beat Angels to win Valley Wheel Championship

SPRINGFIELD - After several days of rain the grounds crew (Jim Nason and Don Pellerin) were out early doing some work on the field to get it playable and testing the scoreboard which would be used for the first time in the Valley Wheel. When the scoreboard was turned on to test it in the morning it read visitor 1 and home 7, a sign that No. 17 Dan Livingstone would be with us for the game. It was a hot and humid day at Forest Park but still a good day for

The A's pitching was the story of the game as they took a no-hitter into the eighth inning. Aaron Smith pitched 8 innings and had 13 strikeouts in the win.

The A's would get on the

board in the first inning with some small ball. Dan Oleksak would walk and move to second on a ground out. Oleksak would then score from second on a sac fly taking two bases to give the A's a 1-0 lead. The A's would add a run in the third on base hits from Kevin Hill and Dennis Mongeon but would leave the bases loaded on a great over the shoulder catch by Gary Perreault at short stop. Perreault would make several nice plays on the day. The A's would tack on two more in the fourth on singles by Aaron Smith and Don Pellerin and another sac fly by Eric Velez.

The A's would make it 5-0 in the fifth on singles by Dan Baker and Dan Oleksak but again would strand a few runners on a sliding catch by Angels's catcher Jeff Collingwood. The Angels would get on the board in the seventh. Greg Scibelli would walk and get to second on a ground out before scoring on an error by the A's. The A's would pull away in the bottom of the seventh putting four more runs

The 2016 Valley Wheel Champions, the Athletics. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO SUBMITTED

on the board with hits from Dan Baker, Dan Oleksak and Aaron Smith

In the eighth inning Gary Perreault would get hit by a pitch with one out to get things started for the Angels.

Josh Catter would follow up with a single and steal second to make it second and third. Aaron Smith would pick up a big strikeout for the second out. Mike Bartolotta would then hit a line drive single to left scoring Perreault but the A's had a perfect relay to throw Catter out at the plate trying to score from second to end the inning making it 9-2. The A's would add a run in the eighth on a double by Frank Dubuque and a single by Tim Provost.

The Angels would put two runs across in the ninth on a walk by Dean and singles by Smith and Cygan as well as an RBI ground out by Scibelli before a ground out to second and a final throw to first base for a fitting 10-4 end to an emotional season and give the A's their third championship in the last four seasons.

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ginning of preseason for fall sports teams. Bonfiglio has said teams practicing will have to find other fields in town, such as the junior high school, to practice because the practice fields will not be ready until next spring due to grass re-seeding of those surfaces.

The new varsity baseball field has also taken shape during the past two weeks and new dugouts for the baseball and softball fields have been delivered to the high school and are due to be installed.

The new multi-purpose field will host football, lacrosse, field hockey, and soccer games starting this fall. The first scheduled contest to be played on the turf is on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 4 p.m. It is a girls soccer game against rival Southwick. The field hockey and boys soccer teams are not scheduled to play at home until the following week.



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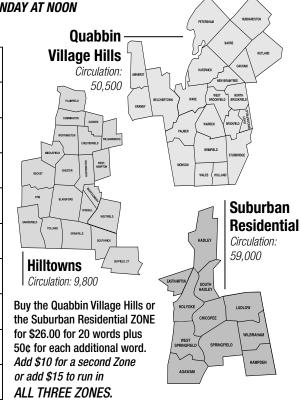
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Friday, Aug. 19

FAITH ON FIRE Catholic Rally 6-9 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 1065 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This two-evening celebration, continued from Thursday, will include praise and worship music, speakers, prayers and ceremonies. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. A free will offering will be taken.

THE WALL THAT HEALS in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission. It will be open 24 hours a day through Sunday. Sponsored by the West Springfield Veterans Services office.

MASSACHUSETTS MORGAN HORSE SHOW from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Saturday in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH INDOOR FLEA MARKET, 1552 Westfield St., West Springfield, today and tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring antiques, household items and collectibles.

Tuesday, Aug. 23

"MIRACLE" FILM to be shown outdoors at Sacred Heart Church, 1065 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Rain date is Aug. 27.

Tuesday, Aug. 23

"MUSICAL MOMENTS" free concert at 6 p.m. at Amelia Park Ice Arena, 21 S. Broad St. Westfield, will feature Cory & the Knightsmen Band. For more information, call 413-568-2503 or visit www.ameliaparkice.org.

Thursday, Aug. 25

THE NEWTOWN KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. today through Saturday in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

THE NORTHEAST REINING HORSE SHOW from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. today through Sunday in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

Friday, Aug. 26

THE NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

Sunday, Aug. 28

THE ELM CITY KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield.

Friday, Sept. 2

THE MOVIE "MINIONS" will be shown at 8:15 p.m. on a giant, inflatable 40-foot screen at School Street Park in Agawam. Popcorn and refreshments will be available.

Friday, Sept. 9

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL'S APPLAUSE SERIES begins its 13th season with the live-action radio drama, "Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Speckled Rand" at 7 n.m. at the Agawam Senior Center 954 Main St. It is free and open to the public.

Saturday, Sept. 10

THE POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF AGAWAM "Country Feast" featuring Truck Stop Troubadours starts at 5 p.m. Dancing, a 50-50 raffle, a buffet and cash bar. Tickets.

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Sunday, Sept. 11

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Wednesday, Sept. 14

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is

Sunday, Sept. 25

SACRED AMERICAN MUSIC, 1816-2016, community concert at 2 p.m. at Copper Hill United Methodist Church, 27 Copper Hill Road, E. Granby, Conn.

ONGOING

THE WESTFIELD FARMERS MARKET is open every Thursday, rain or shine, from noon to 6 p.m. on the lawn of the Episcopal Church of the Atonement, 36 Court St., until Oct. 6. Free parking available. ADA accessible. Locally grown flowers, plants, vegetables, fruit, honey and bee products, goats' meat and milk products, baked goods, wine, wood crafts, dairy and more. SNAP customers receive up to \$10 match in purchasing benefit

GRANDPARENT'S PLAYGROUP Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This free infant and toddler playgroup features music and movement, fostering children's interactions and sharing skills. Open to all grandparents and their grandchildren. Follows school schedule.

MOM 2 MOM takes place the second Tuesday of every month October through June, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A roundtable discussion hosted by a local "veteran" mom, this is a great way to have further conversation on recent café themes and parent education events, celebrate parenting and receive encouragement for the trials

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE meets the third Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level classroom at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main St., Agawam. For information on how to join, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email Rosemary Sandlin at rosemarysandlin@gmail.com

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers "Crochet Club" every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needle-workers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

AN ALL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets the second Wednesday of each month at Heritage Woods Assisted Facility, 462 Main St., Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www. survivorjourneys.org.

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Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu

Monday, Aug. 22: Glazed chicken drumstick, buttered egg noodles, peas, watermelon.

Tuesday, Aug. 23: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, peaches.

Wednesday, Aug. 24: Lasagna and meatballs, spring salad, pineapple.

Thursday, Aug. 25: Roast turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, green and yellow squash, pudding.

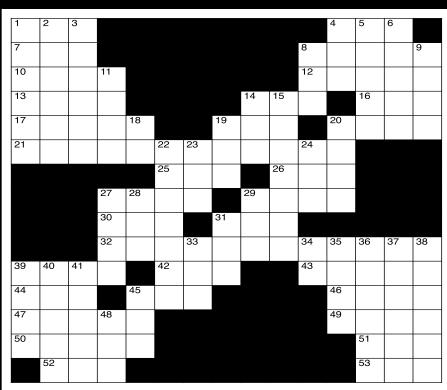
Friday, Aug. 26: Cold marinated tortellini and vegetable salad topped with grilled chicken, baked good.

Monday, Aug. 22: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:30 a.m., line dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., bingo; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Tuesday, Aug. 23: 9 a.m., knitting class; 9:30 a.m., shuffleboard at St. John's Field; noon, ladies only billiards; 12:30 p.m., mah jongg, movie ("Maytime"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 6 p.m., beginner line dance.

Wednesday, Aug. 24: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., ballroom lessons, scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 1 meeting; 5:30

line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., pitch; 6 p.m., cancer support group; 6:30 p.m., evening

art class; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage; 4 p.m., poker.



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- carrot
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- New Black" character 34. Anno Domini
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- Our Lord) 35. Unaccompanied
- 36. Wild goats
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- pleasure
- 41. Italian opera set 45. Gode Airport 48. Not or



p.m., Zumba Gold. Thursday, Aug. 25: 9:30 a.m., quilting; 10 a.m., pitch, evening line dancing. **Calendar of Events** Friday, Aug. 26: 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., all media

Discussion slated on Italian immigrant experience

SPRINGFIELD — The Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass. Inc. will host a panel discussion on the Italian immigration experience in America on Sunday, Sept. 11. Three generations of immigrants from the Springfield area will discuss their experiences.

The discussion will be moderated

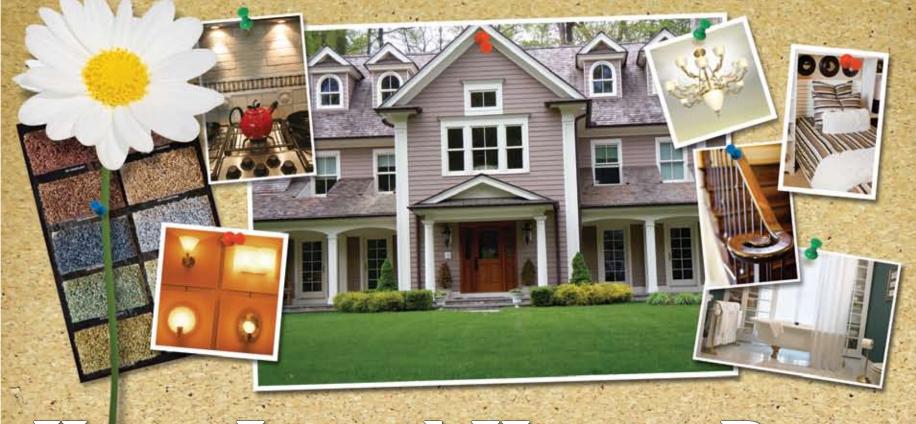
by the ICC's Italian language teacher, Laura Albanese. She will be joined by her husband, Michelangelo Murina, a native of Reggio Calabria; "Chris" Langone, a native of Atena Lucana, Salerno; and Arlene O'Connor, a history teacher at the High School of Science and Technology in Springfield.

Doors open at 1:30 p.m. The lecture begins at 2 p.m. Complimentary refreshments will be served after the lecture. The suggested donation is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-mem-

For more information, visit www. iccwm.org.

Commerce High to hold 50th reunion

SPRINGFIELD — The High School of Commerce Class of 1966 will be celebrating its 50th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Country Club of Wilbraham. For more details, call 413-262-0669 or email robie1966@yahoo.com.



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